

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

May 15, 2006
Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kathy Keolker called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; DENIS LAW; TERRI BRIERE; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; BEN WOLTERS, Economic Development Director; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; INTERIM CHIEF LARRY RUDE, Fire Department; LINDA HERZOG, Interim Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, COMMANDER KENT CURRY, COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, COMMANDER CHARLES MARSALISI, and COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

AJLS: Linyi, China Delegation
Visit

Bill Taylor, Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, welcomed the delegates from the City of Linyi, People's Republic of China, who are here to formalize relationships between their City, the Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Renton. He reported that Linyi is a 2,500-year-old city in the Shandong Province, which encompasses an area of 6,500 miles and has a population of 10,100,000.

Mr. Taylor introduced Linyi Mayor Lian Chengmin, who expressed pleasure with the delegation's visit to Renton. He stated that Linyi is looking forward to a long Sister City relationship with Renton, and to more discussion on the topics of economic development, trade, and culture. Additionally, Mayor Lian extended an invitation for Mayor Keolker and a Renton delegation to visit the City of Linyi, and he wished Renton a prosperous future. Mayor Keolker thanked the delegation for visiting the City of Renton, saying that she looks forward to exploring opportunities for mutual economic development.

Police: Swearing-In of New
Chief Kevin Milosevich

Mayor Keolker administered the oath of office to Kevin Milosevich, newly appointed Chief of Police. Chief Milosevich expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Police Chief.

RECESS

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL RECESS FOR FIVE TO TEN MINUTES. CARRIED. Time: 7:13 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:23 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

King County: Public Health
Department, 2006 Health
Report

Julia Patterson, Metropolitan King County Councilmember for District 5, introduced Dr. Charissa Fotinos, Seattle-King County Public Health Department Medical Director, who presented an overview of the 2006 Health of King County report. Dr. Fotinos stated that the report examined health outcomes and health-related behaviors, using data sources such as vital records, surveys, hospital discharge data, reportable conditions, and census information.

Dr. Fotinos reported that chronic diseases are the leading causes of death and illness in King County. The more common chronic diseases include cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, and diabetes. She noted that the prevalence of diabetes among adults is increasing, particularly in South King County, and HIV infection has now become a chronic condition (AIDS moved from the 8th to the 14th leading cause of death). Dr. Fotinos further noted that access to care is decreasing, and that excessive alcohol use is higher in King County than the rest of Washington and the nation.

Continuing, Dr. Fotinos reviewed the improvements in health, pointing out that mortality is decreasing, smoking is declining, motor vehicle injuries are dropping, firearm deaths are lower, and adolescent births are declining. Additionally, she reviewed the large and persistent disparities in health status and access to health care across racial and ethnic groups, income groups, areas of King County, and sexual orientation.

Dr. Fotinos listed what can be done to improve the health of King County, including working towards assuring universal health coverage and access to health care, building homes and communities that support physical activity and provide healthy indoor environments, and addressing social factors that affect health. Dr. Fotinos responded to Councilmember inquiries regarding drinking and driving, asthma, inactivity rates, and population shifts and growth. In conclusion, King County Councilwoman Patterson highlighted the disparity between life expectancy and the various racial and ethnic groups.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2006 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The City of Renton is hosting the Exhibition of Sacred Art de la Basilica de la Virgin de Talpa de Allende, Jalisco, Mexico at the Renton Community Center from May 21st to 28th.
- * Washington State Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting at the Renton Community Center on May 23rd to discuss the Tukwila to Renton portion of the I-405 project (I-5 to SR-169).
- * Last week the Renton Senior Activity Center presented its 27th Annual Senior Stage Revue at Carco Theatre.

AJLS: Seattle Seahawks
Headquarter Relocation to
Renton

Mayor Keolker announced that the Seattle Seahawks national football team is moving its headquarters to Renton.

AUDIENCE COMMENT Citizen Comment: Blake - Fairwood Incorporation

J. Paul Blake, 17627 133rd Pl. SE, Renton, 98058, requested the City's support for initiating the petition process to annex the Fairwood area into Renton's boundaries. He stated that the King County Boundary Review Board (BRB) recently recommended against the incorporation of the proposed City of Fairwood. Mr. Blake pointed out that the BRB determined that incorporation is not financially sustainable, and he noted some of the fiscal problems associated with the potential incorporation.

Mr. Blake reviewed Renton's recent economic developments such as the Seattle Seahawks headquarter relocation and the IKEA store redesign, saying that a greater Renton will make an even better Fairwood.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ALLOW THE SPEAKER TWO ADDITIONAL MINUTES FOR HIS COMMENTS. CARRIED.

Mr. Blake stated that annexation movement supporters intend to organize efforts and collaborate, and he seeks the City's support for initiating the petition process to annex the Fairwood area into Renton.

Citizen Comment: Hulten -
Maplewood Estates, Potential
Annexation to Renton

Bill Hulten, 13836 SE 158th St., Renton, 98058, indicated that he recently spoke with a number of people within the Maplewood Estates development, which is contiguous (southeasterly) to the proposed Maplewood Addition Annexation, and reported that a majority of those he spoke with favored annexation of Maplewood Estates to Renton, and showed a lack of interest in becoming part of the Fairwood Incorporation.

Citizen Comment: Petersen -
Highlands Area
Redevelopment

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, recommended a modified urban village approach for the Highlands area redevelopment, which involves the following: flexible zoning that allows private property owners to decide their own futures; no declaration of blight; zoning that would not create non-conforming property; higher densities that coexist aesthetically with existing single-family dwellings and duplexes; opportunities for property owners to develop to higher densities, remodel their properties, or voluntarily sell to a developer; creation of low interest loans for property improvement; creation of a neighborhood maintenance covenant; allocation of police patrols commensurate with the population; and review of the City's code enforcement process.

Councilman Clawson clarified that what is anticipated with the proposed rezoning is not the creation of non-conforming properties but the creation of legal non-conforming properties.

Citizen Comment: McOmber -
Highlands Area
Redevelopment, Council
Workshop

Howard McOmber, 475 Olympia Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, noted his interest in the outcome of the Council workshop scheduled for May 17th. Pointing out that major decisions are being made regarding the well-established Highlands neighborhood, he expressed the need for open mindedness about alternative solutions. Additionally, Mr. McOmber indicated his preference that single-family homes and duplexes remain legal and conforming. He urged the City not to rush the redevelopment process.

Council President Corman explained that the meeting on May 17th is a workshop for Council to receive information, and Council will not be making any decisions. He reported that the location of the workshop was changed to the Council Chambers, and it will be taped and cablecast. Mr. Corman noted that although the public is welcome to attend, public testimony will not be taken at the workshop. He also noted that there will be further opportunity for audience comment before Council formally takes any action on the matter. Councilwoman Briere added that the information provided at the workshop will bring all Councilmembers up-to-date on the issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

AJLS: Spirit of Washington
Dinner Train, Supporting
Resolution

Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Department recommended adoption of a resolution supporting efforts to save the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train. Council concur. (See page 162 for resolution.)

CAG: 05-185, Burnett Linear Park Play Area Renovation, TF Sahli Construction	Community Services Department submitted CAG-05-185, Burnett Linear Park Play Area Renovation; and requested approval of the project, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$4,607.53 to T.F. Sahli Construction, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
Development Services: MB Short Plat, ROW Dedication, Duvall Ave NE, SHP-05-060	Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way at Duvall Ave. NE to fulfill a requirement of the MB Short Plat. Council concur.
EDNSP: Annexation Community Outreach, PRR Inc Contract	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval to use \$70,000 of unallocated year-end fund balance for public information efforts related to annexation and incorporation, and approval of a contract with PRR, Inc. to conduct the work. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Budget: 2006 Amendments, South Lake Washington Infrastructure Improvements (The Landing)	Finance and Information Services Department recommended adoption of an ordinance that: amends the 2006 Budget by creating Fund 318, South Lake Washington Infrastructure Project; grants budget authority in the amount of \$22,689,000; and gives authority to proceed with the project and its implementation steps. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Finance: Joint Purchasing Agreement, City of Tacoma	Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of an interlocal joint purchasing agreement with the City of Tacoma. Council concur. (See page 162 for resolution.)
Finance: Temporary Interfund Loans	Finance and Information Services Department requested authorization for temporary interfund loans. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Human Resources: Reclassification of Positions	Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended reclassification of positions in the Finance and Information Services; Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning; Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services; Planning/Building/Public Works; and Fire Departments. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Airport: Maintenance Dredging & Shoreline Mitigation, WSDOT Grant	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement for a \$76,400 grant from Washington State Department of Transportation for the Airport Maintenance Dredging and Shoreline Mitigation Project Phase I. Council concur. (See page 162 for resolution.)
CAG: 06-079, South Lake Washington Infrastructure Improvements, DMJM-Harris	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to CAG-06-079, agreement with DMJM-Harris for construction management services in the amount of \$1,597,500 for the South Lake Washington infrastructure improvements. Council concur.
Utility: Billing Adjustments for Water Leaks	Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a water and wastewater billing adjustment for customers who experience excessive bills due to water leaks. Refer to <u>Utilities Committee</u> .
	MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.
CORRESPONDENCE Citizen Comment: Lotto - Highlands Area Redevelopment	Correspondence was read from Sara Lotto, 1023 Lynnwood Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, opposing high density zoning in the Highlands area. She expressed concern that high density levels will result in the creation of blight conditions, and decrease the value of existing houses. Councilman Clawson indicated that the proposed zoning for the Highlands area is mostly medium density, with some high density in the Center Village

	commercial area, and in the residential areas in association with a development plan for affordable housing.
Citizen Comment: High - Sewer Moratorium in East Renton Plateau PAA	Correspondence was read from Gwendolyn High, President of Citizens' Alliance for a Responsible Evendell, PO Box 2936, Renton, 98056, requesting extension of the sewer moratorium for new subdivisions within the East Renton Plateau Potential Annexation Area, which expires 6/5/2006. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE <u>UTILITIES COMMITTEE</u> . CARRIED.
<u>Added</u> Citizen Comment: Rogers - Highlands Area Redevelopment	At the request of Council President Corman, a letter was read from Elizabeth A. Rogers, 2300 Jefferson Ave. NE, #B-108, Renton, 98056, stating that although she does not have a clear position on the issue of the Highlands redevelopment effort, she favors the cleaning up of dilapidated properties, controlled development, and reasonable growth. She expressed concern that Renton's desire to attract upscale development may outweigh the concerns of residents regarding overcrowding, traffic congestion, water quality, and displacement.
Council: Correspondence	Council President Corman commented on the handling of Council correspondence, specifically the inclusion of correspondence on the Council meeting agenda, and the need to review correspondence related policies and processes.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS <u>Community Services Committee</u> Appointment: Municipal Arts Commission	Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve Mayor Keolker's appointment of Patricia Pepper to the Municipal Arts Commission for a three-year term expiring 12/31/2008. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES	The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:
<u>Resolution #3808</u> Finance: Joint Purchasing Agreement, City of Tacoma	A resolution was read authorizing the <u>Mayor and City Clerk</u> to enter into an interlocal joint purchasing agreement with the City of Tacoma in order to jointly bid the acquisition of goods and services. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.
<u>Resolution #3809</u> Airport: Maintenance Dredging & Shoreline Mitigation, WSDOT Grant	A resolution was read authorizing the <u>Mayor and City Clerk</u> to enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for a \$76,400 grant from the Washington Airport Aid Program, for Phase I of the Maintenance Dredging and Shoreline Mitigation Project at the Renton Airport. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.
<u>Resolution #3810</u> AJLS: Spirit of Washington Dinner Train, Supporting Resolution	A resolution was read supporting efforts to save the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.
	The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #5208

Annexation: Akers Farms,
108th Ave SE & Puget Dr S

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 14.02 acres generally located immediately south of SE 160th St. and north of SE 164th St., east of 108th Ave. SE and west of 110th Ave. SE, if extended (Akers Farms Annexation).
MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5209

Annexation: Akers Farms, R-8
Zoning

An ordinance was read establishing the zoning classification of approximately 12.99 acres, generally located immediately south of SE 160th St. and north of SE 164th St., east of 108th Ave. SE and west of 110th Ave. SE, if extended, annexed within the City of Renton as R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) zoning; Akers Farms Annexation. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Petersen -
Various

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, expressed her pleasure with being able to view the correspondence listed on tonight's meeting agenda on the City's website. Additionally, Ms. Petersen commented on eminent domain and the related U.S. Supreme Court decision on Kelo et al. v. City of New London et al., and on the investigation of the graffiti incident that occurred in the Mayor's Office on April 17th.

Councilman Clawson indicated that he reviewed the U.S. Supreme Court's decision regarding the Kelo case, and opined that the decision has no application when talking about the use of eminent domain to improve public housing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
AND ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 8:40 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
May 15, 2006